

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-28 and 30, drawn to a method for merging a plan sponsor's business needs with a retirement plan design, classified in class 705, subclass 36.
- II. Claims 52-58 and 64, drawn to a system for receiving information about the plan sponsor including one or more business objectives of the plan sponsor, classified in class 705, subclass 35.


Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-28 and 30, drawn to a method for merging a plan sponsor's business needs with a retirement plan design, with partial traverse. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that claim 64, which depends from claim 25, and ultimately from claim 1 is directed towards a method and should be placed within the Group I claims. The remainder of the restriction requirement is not traversed.

Conclusion

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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